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## PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

1. THE PLESETSK AREA WAS SUSPECTED [REDACTED] OF BEING THE LOCATION OF A MAJOR MISSILE-RELATED PROJECT AS EARLY AS 1956. ALTHOUGH PORTIONS OF THE COMPLEX WERE PRESENT AND COVERED [REDACTED] AND BY TWO SUBSEQUENT KH MISSIONS, THE AREA WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS AN ICBM COMPLEX [REDACTED] WHICH CONFIRMED LAUNCH AREAS "A", "B", AND "C", [REDACTED] WHICH CONFIRMED LAUNCH POINTS I-IV AS ICBM FACILITIES. THE COMPLEX WAS SUBSEQUENTLY COVERED BY 21 KH MISSIONS. IT CONSISTS OF A COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY, AN ADMINISTRATION/HOUSING FACILITY, A RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSFER POINT, AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY, FOUR RAIL-SERVED TYPE IA (SOFT) LAUNCH POINTS, TWO RAIL-SERVED PROBABLE TYPE IB (SOFT) LAUNCH AREAS, ONE TYPE IIA (SOFT) LAUNCH AREA, ONE TYPE IIB (SOFT) LAUNCH AREA, TWO TYPE IIC (SOFT) LAUNCH AREAS, ONE TYPE IIIA (HARD) LAUNCH AREA, ONE SSM (SOFT) LAUNCH AREA, AND THREE AREAS OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY.

AN ICBM WAS FIRED FROM THIS COMPLEX TO KAMCHATKA IN OCT 63. THIS FIRING CONSTITUTED THE FIRST KNOWN LAUNCH OF AN ICBM FROM A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER.

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2. PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H" WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED [ ]

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[ ] BOTH WERE RAIL-SERVED, THE RAILS BEING MIRROR IMAGES AND FORMING A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION, AND IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. EACH CONSISTED OF THREE EXCAVATIONS IN LINE ON A NORTH/SOUTH AXIS, WITH FOUNDATIONS OR FOOTINGS FOR THREE BUILDINGS IN THE CENTER EXCAVATION. ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CENTER EXCAVATION THERE WAS A RELATIVELY DEEP, NOTCHED EXCAVATION. THESE LAUNCH AREAS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN COVERED BY THREE KH MISSIONS.

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3. THIS MISSION REVEALS PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H" ARE IN THE MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL. THE PROBABLE LAUNCH POSITIONS AT BOTH AREAS ARE RAIL-SERVED; THE RAILS FORMING, IN BOTH CASES, A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION. EACH AREA IS SEPARATELY SECURED AND CONSISTS OF THREE STRUCTURES ARRANGED IN LINE ALONG A NORTH/SOUTH AXIS. AT PROBABLE LAUNCH AREA "G" THESE STRUCTURES RANGE IN SIZE FROM 120 X 80 FT TO 80 X 55 FT; WHILE AT PROBABLE LAUNCH AREA "H", THEY RANGE IN SIZE FROM 105 X 90 FT TO 75 X 85 FT. AT BOTH AREAS THERE ARE, ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CENTER STRUCTURE AND SEPARATED BY APPROXIMATELY 500 FT, TWO ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES AT THE LOCATION OF THE TWO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NOTCHED EXCAVATIONS. EACH OF THE STRUCTURES IN THE NOTCHED EXCAVATIONS IS CONNECTED BY CONDUIT

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TO THE THREE STRUCTURES IN THE NORTH/SOUTH LINE. THE CONDUITS  
ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 5 TO 10 FT ACROSS.

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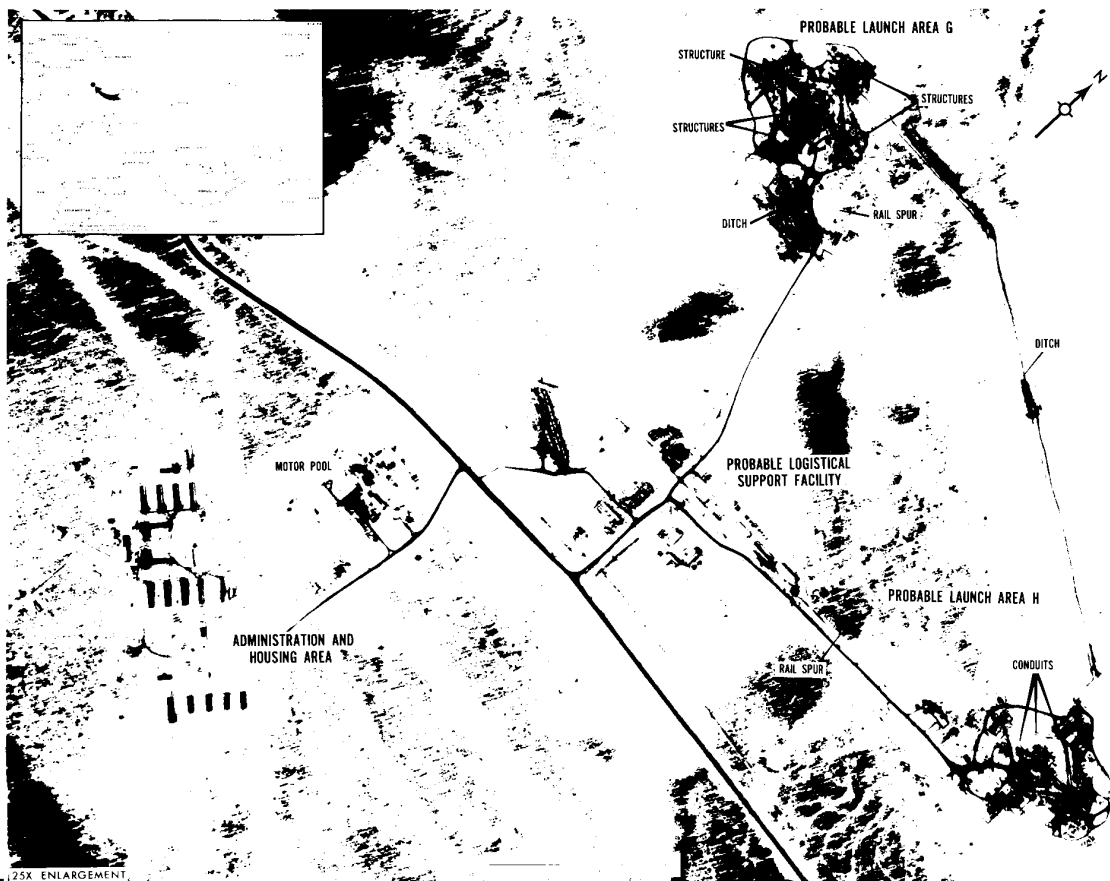
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